

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 6, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, between lines 28 and 29, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 3, between lines 18 and 29, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 4, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Making reference to figures 1 and 2, it can be observed a conveyor 1, mainly comprised of a conveyor belt 2 and of the collection belt 3. Conveyor belt 2 is provided under the collection belt 3. ~~[[on]]~~ On one end of the conveyor belt 2, product, i.e. leaves or other product, is charged in disorder. Said product 4 is thus dragged on the other end of the conveyor belt 2 rotating according to the direction indicated by arrow A, by the drive shafts 5 ~~[[ad]]~~ and 5'.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Consequently, product lays in such a way to realise a single layer on the collection belt 3. ~~further,~~ Further, it is also possible to obtain a product drying effect, thanks to the air flow to which it is subjected.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Collection belts 3 and 11 ~~rotates~~ rotate parallel to each other according to direction of arrow B and impurities are brought in a suitable container 12 sucked and ejected by a fan 13.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Product 4, that is placed as a single layer and depurated from the possible impurities is, in this embodiment, collected in a further collection belt 14 and driven by drive shafts 15 and 15' and a motor 16. ~~instead,~~ Instead, product 4 that is not sucked and placed on the collection belt 3, continues flowing until the end of the conveyor belt , accumulated within a

container 18, and thus inserted again at the beginning of the circuit of the conveyor belt 2, to be placed as a single layer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Particularly, once the product 4 has been placed as a single layer on the collection belt 3, it is made passing through a washing device 31, subjecting the same to a series of water jets from above and from ~~[[bass]]~~ below. Washing water is then collected within a suitable space 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Finally, product 4 is strook by a further air flow, directed downward, induced by the pump 21.~~collection~~ Collection belt 3 slides between the suction hood 6 and the shafts 7, 7', 7" and 7'", in such a way to create a space within which said space 22 can be provided.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Product 4 is now placed as a single layer on the collection belt 24, but rests on side opposite to the side on which it was rested while flowing on the collection belt 3.

[[in]] In this way, flow generated by the suction hood 25 allows drying of the other side of product 4.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figures 8 and 9 show [[and]] an alternative embodiment of the conveyor 1, allowing the ejection of foreign matter from product 4 by a double filtering. Particularly, product 4, placed as single layer on the collection belt 3 by pressure generated by the air flow from pump 9, is then distributed on the collection belt 3', making the heavier foreign matter falling. Air flows on the collection belts 3, 3' are obtained by the suction hoods 6, 6'. From the collection belt 3', product 4 passes to a further conveyor belt 32, that, vibrating, allow a homogeneous distribution of the product 4 on the surface of the same belt. Thus product is again collected by a collection belt 33, allowing a further filtering of the product, avoiding lifting residual impurities such as insects or little woods. Lifting occurs by the pressure from the pump 34 through the suction hood 35.--